

THE EVENING WORLD'S CHRISTMAS TREAT.

1,000 DINNERS (IN BASKETS) FOR 1,000 DESERVING FAMILIES

Over 6,000 Deserving Persons, It Is Estimated, Will Partake of The Evening World's Bounty on the Coming Christmas Day.

Large Baskets Filled with Chickens, Plum Pudding and Other Good Things Will Be Sent to 1,000 Families.

One thousand Christmas dinners free to one thousand deserving families, delivered at their homes by express in one thousand carefully packed baskets on Christmas Eve.

With the Evening World's compliments and wishes for the good luck of the recipients throughout the new year.

This is the year in which the Evening World will make the last Christmas of the nineteenth century a pleasant hope-inspiring memory in 1,000 homes in Greater New York.

The dinners have been ordered from the Siegel-Cooper Company and will be ready for the expressmen at 7 o'clock on Monday morning.

The chickens and potatoes, the bread and the corn, the plum pudding and the nuts, raisins, coffee and candy have been secured in the necessary quantities by the Siegel-Cooper Company, and everything awaits the dawn of Christmas Eve to be put in its place in the big baskets and sent on its heart-delighting mission.

Each dinner, as announced, will be put up in a basket. Every basket will contain soup, two chickens (weighing about six pounds), bread, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, a plum pudding, cakes, candies, nuts, raisins and coffee.

The dinners will contain the very best materials to be found in the Siegel-Cooper Company's provision and grocery department. They will be almost exact duplicates of the famous Dewey dinners put up last year by the Siegel-Cooper Company at a cost to themselves of \$1.50 per dinner.

The Evening World's object is to reach such deserving families as are unable to buy a suitable Christmas dinner this year. With this idea, the cooperation of E. T. Devine of the Charity Organization Society, has been secured. Mr. Devine's society, in cooperation with the Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, have made a careful study of deserving families, to whom the dinners are to be sent.

A great number of letters sent to the Evening World asking for Christmas dinners were turned over to Mr. Devine. Each case was investigated, and every deserving person will receive one of the dinners.

Several hundred supplementary dinners have been ordered by kind-hearted people who have sent in the Evening World \$1.50 and the names and addresses of the families they wish to benefit. Owing to the Christmas rush, these supplementary dinners cannot be delivered at homes, but an order has been sent to the recipients, who may obtain the dinners by presenting the order at the receiving door of the Siegel-Cooper Company's store Monday morning, Dec. 24, between 10 and 11 o'clock. The receiving door of Siegel-Cooper is on Eighteenth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

Special arrangements have been made with the Union Express Company to deliver the Evening World's 1,000 dinners on Monday at the homes of the 1,000 families designated.

In ordering the kind-of-the-century Christmas Dinner, the Evening World has had special thought of the children for Christmas, after all, is really children's day. In addition to the regular Christmas dinner, crowded with fragrant, steaming, delicious plum pudding, there has been provided for the little ones the dainties they best love—candy, nuts and raisins.

One thousand families will thus sit down next Tuesday to a feast that millions might envy. The dinners are sent with the very best wishes of the Evening World and the heartiest

hope that the coming Christmas may prove a turning point for the better in the fortunes of the recipients.

Many thousands of children in Greater New York have all their lives looked on the Evening World as the only Santa Claus they have ever known. They have been annual guests at the Evening World's Christmas trees, and the presents they received there have been their most treasured possessions.

This year the Evening World will celebrate the last Christmas of the dying century by including "dewey cups" along with the little ones among its Yuletide guests.

The names of the families who are to receive the Evening World's end-of-the-century Christmas dinners will not be published.

The Evening World's end-of-the-century method of celebrating this Christmas has called forth encomiums from many sources. Those who intended for dinners to be provided for designated families were glad of the opportunity afforded them to do good without disclosing the source of the beneficence. A few of their utterances are presented as indicative of the tenor of all the opinions expressed.

A citizen of Manhattan writes: "Seeing your very kind offer of a nice Christmas dinner to deserving families, please send one to— She is a woman deserving of any charity that can be given to her as she is a widow with five small children, none of whom are able to work, and her only income is from washing and taking care of the house she lives in. She works from sunrise until late at night to try and keep her family and anything that you can do to make this little home happy I know will be more than appreciated by a very deserving woman and mother."

A resident of Fifth avenue says: "Permit me to thank you for this most practical benevolence. Thanking you very kindly for this chance to help a friend in need, and wishing you a merry

Christmas and happy new year. You have my best wishes."

A New Brighton Staten Island, woman writes: "Please send one of your dinners to the undersigned. It is a most generous proposition and The World

will be blessed by hundreds of poor homes."

A gentleman who sent the money for one dinner says: "You are to be congratulated on your splendid enterprise."

A woman in Brookfield, Conn., writes: "Your great Yuletide cheer dinner will bless many homes. Please send one to—

Sickness has caused the need of this lovely cheer dinner to them."

The appeals made to the Evening World for these dinners show the neces-



sity for and value of them. Hundreds of letters were received from persons seeking to partake of the good cheer and some of them were very pathetic. There was a ring of earnest need in the words, and it will make everybody feel happy to know that it is into homes of this kind that the Evening World's dinners will go. Here are a few of the letters, without the signatures, of course:

To the Editor of the Evening World: I see about your Christmas dinner. Now, I have been on crutches for nine years the last of this month. My family consists of eight persons, no one able to work but my wife, who makes \$1 wash when she gets it. I live in the basement.

To the Editor of the Evening World: I am a poor lone woman in a little half bedroom, with only an oil stove to keep me warm. I am only three months out of the hospital. I have no work. Last Christmas I had no dinner at all. Now, if you would not forget me, I will pray for you. I always helped the poor when I had money, and now I know God will help me.

To the Editor of the Evening World: I am a poor widow with five small children and work very hard at scrubbing and would be very glad to get a Christmas dinner for them.

To the Editor of the Evening World: My husband is out of work and I have got five little children. If you do not believe what I say you can send and see for yourself. I have had death and sickness lately and am very much in need, otherwise I would not ask for it.

To the Editor of the Evening World: Please send a Christmas dinner to a poor family where there are four little children and the husband out of work.

To the Editor of the Evening World: Would you kindly send us a Christmas

dinner, as papa has been out of work eight weeks. Mama cannot get us any Christmas dinner this year. I have three little brothers and two little sisters beside me. And papa only went to work last week.

To the Editor of the Evening World: Please be so kind as to relieve a mother of a family of eight children without a father's support, and it will never be forgotten.

To the Editor of the Evening World: I have six children, my husband has been out of work six months and I am sick myself.

To the Editor of the Evening World: I have read of the 1,000 families you want to make happy on Christmas Day, and as we are orphans and have a consumptive brother out of work ten months, and as my other brother and sister are not working steady, I feel if we could have one of the Christmas dinners we would feel happy and thankful.

THE YOUNGEST OF THE FAMILY. To the Editor of the Evening World: Please send a Christmas dinner to me, as I am very sick and in need of your kindness. I work every day that I get out and now I am weak from hard work. My husband left me with three small children this last two years and it is sad to think that we will have no Christmas.

To the Editor of the Evening World: I am a poor widow and have a sick sister who is also a widow. We are in bad circumstances, as I have no work or money. I do not know what we are going to do. We are on the verge of starvation. I do hope you will send us a Christmas dinner, as we will not have a bit to eat on that day unless you will send us your good dinner. May God bless your noble paper.

MRS. MAYBRICK VICTIM OF SPITE

Secretary Hay's Letters Will Not Move Lord Halsbury.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Florence Maybrick will spend an unhappy Christmas in prison. In spite of the various reports her chances of liberty are not brighter than last year.

Secretary Hay has forwarded to Mr. Choate several private letters which will shortly be presented to the new Home Secretary, Mr. Ritchie. In accordance with the custom of approaching each new occupant of that office, but it is stated on good authority that there is no possible chance of anything being done so long as Lord Halsbury is Lord High Chancellor.

Were the Cabinet to discuss the matter, as it did once before, it could only refer it to the Crown's chief adviser, Lord Halsbury, who apparently made the Maybrick case the basis of a feud with the late Lord Chief Justice, Baron Russell of Killowen, and cherishes it just as bitterly now as before Lord Russell's death.

When a new Chancellor is appointed Mrs. Maybrick will have a good chance of freedom.

HIT BY TRAIN ON BRIDGE.

Carpenter Rankin Hurled Off to His Death.

Charles Rankin, a bridge carpenter of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was killed by a freight train last night on the bridge which spans Station Island Sound. Rankin, who was in charge of a gang of men, worked late on the bridge. He had said good night to the station train men when an approaching freight train hit him, hurled him several yards.

When picked up by his fellow workmen he was dead. His body was taken to the Jersey City morgue. He was twenty-six years old and resided in Jersey City.

For a Cold in the Head
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets.

EARLS TO DANCE WITH SERVANTS

Ancient Christmas Custom to Be Revived in England.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—There will be a Merry Christmas in England. There will be no more of those parties as has been known for several years.

They will be marked by the revival of the queer, old custom which, a century ago, made the season the occasion for unrestrained merrymaking among rich and poor alike.

It would seem that those who are able to celebrate realize the necessity for detaching their attention from the events in South Africa.

At Osborne, the Queen will be surrounded by the Duke and Duchess of York, the Princess of Wales, and several of her grandchildren. At Sandringham, the Prince of Wales will entertain the Duke and Duchess of York and their children with royal Christmas trees.

Woburn Abbey, Blenheim palace, Hatfield house and all the stately homes of England's aristocracy are filling up with scores of guests, prepared to make the most of Yuletide.

Balls, amateur theatricals and entertainments without end have been arranged, conspicuous among which is the old English custom of a dance in the servants' hall.

At the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Earl and Countess Spencer's, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry and other places of the nobility Christmas Eve will be marked by a strange spectacle of butlers dancing with duchesses, footmen with countesses and grooms with the daughters of chamberlains, while ladies' maids, chambermaids and cooks will go through the quadrille with Cabinet Ministers, earls, dukes and other male heads of illustrious lines.

The ancient practice of the landowners enjoying the servants' quadrille has almost died, except in the case of a few families. The revival is, perhaps, due to the increasing necessity for pampering the British servant.

The Onlooker says the householders now have to study the comfort of their domestics as much as their own, and quotes one country house where a set of rooms is especially allotted to them for recreation, comprising a billiard room, library and billiard room, in which a market is kept for the servants' sole use.

DEAR LITTLE CAT ATE HER DEAR LITTLE MOUSE.



Miss Bertha Galland's Tour Lightened by Tales of Her Precious Pets.

Miss Bertha Galland, of "The Pride of Jennison" Company, does not have to lose diamonds on tour, nor such Mr. Hackett with a stickpin, nor a dressmaker for damages to her feelings. She has a better line of narrative and adventure with which to lighten that part of her season which she must, perforce, spend out of New York.

Miss Galland, it is related, met a mouse in her library in New York one day. It was a baby mouse and was finding its way across a red rose in the carpet when Miss Galland stepped into the room. When she spotted the little beast

it was so frightened that instead of running it jumped up and down and squeaked. She closed her hand over it and rubbed it until it was quiet.

From that day the mouse was her chief pet. It ate out of her hand, always sat on her shoulder or wrist, or played around her gown in a most unconcerned way wherever she sat.

She arranged for it a little nest in the bathroom and the family had strict instructions to keep the door closed and never let a cat in. But one day the handmaiden cat Miss Galland had with her came in and the mouse was dead in the paws of the cat.

It is related that Miss Galland tells this charming bit of history at points where an ordinary lady of the stage would have been telling the story of her life. Probably this is true. Nothing could be pleasanter than so to believe.

ASTOR'S ACT IS CRITICISED.

Architect Ashbee Discusses Closing of Cliveden in England.

William Waldorf Astor's conduct in closing against the public the grounds of his historic estate at Cliveden, purchased from the Duke of Westminster, was discussed at a meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient and Historic Places and Objects by C. R. Ashbee, an English architect.

Mr. Ashbee is the gentleman whose address in Chicago on behalf of the work of the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest and Natural Beauty was construed as a criticism on that city.

He explained last evening that he had spoken of a city surrounded by mountains, but in spite of that fact, the Chicagoans had taken the reflections as meant for their city. He meant Pittsburg.

"We do not wish," said Mr. Ashbee, "to have your American millionaires go over there and buy those historic country places and convert them into country seats. The beautiful park which Mr. Astor bought from the Duke of Westminster meant more when it was open to the people than it does now since Mr. Astor has cut it off with a marble staircase. The law cannot require Mr. Astor to open the gates. In fact, such a question has never before been raised in England."

It is considered to be the traditional duty of an English gentleman who owns a fine park to throw open those grounds to the people. Of course, you cannot say anything to him if he should refuse to do so. Every Englishman considers it a duty to open his grounds to the public.

IRELAND INSTRUCTED.

Archbishop Talked of His Mission to Cuba with the President.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Archbishop Ireland spent some time here to-day before continuing his journey to St. Paul. He came direct from Washington, where he is said to have been in consultation with President McKinley concerning his trip of investigation into the church conditions in Cuba.

WANTS WOMEN EXTRADITED.

Accused of Shoplifting They Fled to Cleveland.

Gov. Roosevelt has been asked by Assistant District Attorney Robert H. Elder, of Brooklyn, for requisition on the Governor of Ohio for the return of Lillian Clark and Josephine Edwards, now in Cleveland.

These women were arrested in Brooklyn two months ago charged with shoplifting. They gave bail and disappeared. The bondsmen was to-day arrested.

WHITNEY AND HILL TO MEET.

Hints That Cleveland, Too, May Be at Banquet.

The Manhattan Club is thirty-five years and six days old to-day, having been organized Dec. 16, 1865. A celebration of the event will occur to-night in the old University Club, at Madison avenue and Twenty-sixth street.

Judge Truax is President of the Manhattan. He was one of the originators of the supper. The others are: J. Edward Simmons, Charles W. Dayton, Ashbel P. Fitch, William C. Whitney, Perry Belmont, August Belmont, Frederick R. Claudert, Hugh J. Grant and Bird R. Coler.

There are whispers that Whitney's appearance at the supper and his unusual interest in bringing about the event means that he will re-enter politics. There are some stories of old campaigns to be retold, and hints as to the future of the Democracy.

Ex-Senator Hill is also down for a story of the past and some prophetic advice. If Mr. Cleveland has been asked that fact is not stated, but there is a hint that a surprise awaits all members to-night.

During the Manhattan's occupancy of the old Stewart mansion, in Fifth avenue, it was the formative figure in the Democratic party, and the last two national triumphs of the party had their inception there.

TO DINE 25,000 ON CHRISTMAS.

Salvation Army Makes Extensive Preparations for Poor.

The Salvation Army is preparing for a Christmas dinner for 25,000 persons at Madison Square Garden on Christmas Day. The Army will need for this great dinner:

Four thousand pounds of turkey, 3,000 pounds of chicken, 5,000 pounds of beef, 2,000 pounds of pork, 750 bushels of potatoes, 4,000 pounds of other vegetables, 4,000 loaves of bread, 1,000 pounds of beans, 1,200 pies, 1,000 pounds of coffee, 100 dozen oranges, 500 pounds of butter, two barrels apples, 100 gallons fresh milk, 12 barrels sugar, 2,000 pounds nuts, 4,000 pounds crackers, 1,000 toys and dolls, 2,000 pounds candy, 50 barrels of apples.

Besides these articles of food the Salvation Army will distribute clothing for children and adults.

The programme shows that at 10 o'clock in the morning 15,000 uncooked dinners will be distributed to poor families in 2,250 baskets, each basket containing enough for five persons, every applicant being previously investigated.

At 11 o'clock 10,000 dinners will be served at tables on the main floor and diners will also be served in Brooklyn and Jersey City. At 1:30 P. M. a grand musical entertainment and stereoscopic exhibition, concluding with moving pictures of the Passion Play, and other subjects, will be presented by the cinematograph. The distribution of toys to poor children will be made in the various halls of the Army in Greater New York.

The army last year collected \$125,000 for this purpose and expended \$7,721.51. The remainder was expended in poor relief.

CROWN PRINCE OFFENDS.

Frederick of Denmark Creates a Stir with Newspaper Article.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—A great sensation has been caused throughout Denmark by an article in the Government organ, Berlingske Tidende, written by the Crown Prince Frederick, defending the Prime Minister, H. de Sehested, from the attacks of Count Frijs.

The article in the Crown Prince in mixing in party politics has made a bad impression.

BOY KILLED BY TRUCK.

Thomas Ball Was Run Down in Brooklyn.

Thomas Ball, eight years old, was playing in the street to-day, when he was run down by a driver's truck and killed.

He lived at 308 Albany avenue, Brooklyn.

CAMMEYER'S SHOE STORE

Special To-Night IN OUR Basement

Men's Satin Calf Leather Lined Double Sole Lace Shoes, \$1.50 Per Pair.

Men's Opera and Everett Slippers, 60c. Women's Black Kid Button and Lace Shoe with patent leather tips, 1.25. Men's \$4.50 Storm Rubber Boots, sizes 6 to 11, 3.00. Boys' \$3.50 Storm Rubber Boots, sizes 1 to 6, 2.50. Youths' \$3.00 Storm Rubber Boots, sizes 11 to 13½, 2.00.

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